

REMARKS

Applicant is filing this Preliminary Amendment with a continuation application that claims priority to U.S. Serial No. 10/323,371. Claim 1 is identical to the sole claim allowed in the parent case. Independent Claim 2 is considered to define over the art of record for similar reasons. The remaining claims ultimately depend from Claim 2 and should similarly define over the art of record. Support for all the new claims can be found throughout the application as originally filed.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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